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Dear Sirs—About a year ago, having been called to raise my arm, having an excruciating pain, I went into your store and asked if you could help me out, as I did not want to be disappointed. You sold me a bottle of your "Dixie Nerve and Bone Liniment," which I used freely, rubbing vigorously with it that night, and I was most surprised, when getting up the next morning, to find the rheumatism entirely cured, my arm perfectly well. I am glad to say I have had no return of rheumatism since.

I told the above to a friend suffering the same way, and he tried your "Dixie Nerve and Bone Liniment" and was as speedily cured.

Very truly,
J. THOMPSON BROWN.

Large bottle 25 cents; small bottle 15 cents at Winston Drug Co.

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Suffering with Dr. David's Liver Pills, my cure Constipation, Biliousness, Indigestion and all Stomach and Liver Troubles. They are mild, pleasant and efficient. For sale by Winston Drug Co.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

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Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, No Pay. Price 25 cents.

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We have opened a market house for the sale of Fresh Meats of every description. Prices as low as any, and orders attended to as we will receive our prompt and best attention. We earnestly solicit a share of the public patronage, promising our best endeavor to please. Market house on Second street, opposite Randolph Hotel. Phone No. 26. Respectfully,
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See Cridlin's Stationery.

When you want a physic that is mild and gentle, easy to take and present in effect use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price, 25 cents. Samples free. Every box guaranteed. For sale by Anderson Drug Co.; Shorter, Darlington Heights.

Germany has a life insurance association of hotel keepers which, in seven years, has paid over \$300,000 to the families of members.

Anderson Drug Co.; Shorter, Darlington Heights, the druggists, will refund you your money if you are not satisfied after using Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They cure disorders of the stomach, biliousness, constipation and headache. Price, 25 cents. Samples free.

New York city has the most expensive water works plant in the country. It has cost, up to date, \$115,529,748.

Danger of Colds and La Grippe.

The greatest danger from colds and a gripe is their resulting in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, however, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for these diseases we have yet to learn of a single case having resulted in pneumonia, which shows conclusively that it is a certain preventive of that dangerous malady. It will cure a cold or an attack of la grippe in less time than any other treatment. It is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Anderson Drug Co.; Shorter, Darlington Heights.

The city of Grand Rapids, Mich., has expended nearly \$300,000 for improvement during the past year.

La Grippe Quickly Cured.
"In the winter of 1898 and 1899 I was taken down with a severe attack of what is called La Grippe," says F. L. Hewet, a prominent druggist of Winfield, Ill. "The only medicine I used was two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It broke up the cold and stopped the coughing like magic, and I have never since been troubled with Grippe." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy can always be depended upon to break up a severe cold and ward off any threatened attack of pneumonia. It is pleasant to take, too, which makes it the most desirable and one of the most popular preparations in use for these ailments. For sale by Anderson Drug Co.; Shorter, Darlington Heights.

E. W. Grove
This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. The remedy that cures a cold in one day.

There is always danger in using counterfeits of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. The original is a safe and certain cure for piles. It is a soothing and healing ointment for sores and all skin diseases. Winston Drug Co.

BRIEFS AND PERSONALS.

Oh, the birds sang it
And the leaves sighed it,
The brooks sang it
And the rain cried it,
The sun glauced it
And the flowers breathed it,
The boughs danced it
And the buds sheathed it,
The stars beamed it
And the winds blew it,
My heart dreamed it,
But—she never knew it!

The hens are beginning to lay again. Thanks to their ladyship.

Two banks in town, but no money "to be run" yet. Good collateral will "fetch" it everytime, however.

Mr. John W. Beal, ex-policeman, is confined to his home with pneumonia. He is said to be very sick.

The ladies are actually at work for the monument, and the bazaar will be the success they hope for.

Don't forget that the HERALD is offering five good papers for \$1.25 a year.

Mr. Tucker Johnston leads the Guinea tobacco growers in price so far, but others are to be heard from.

The price of corn is said to control the marriage market. Both are running high just now.

Mr. Buck is at work on the Macadam again. Like all things human it will come to an end.

The Normal grounds will soon present an unbroken front and a most imposing appearance.

Some one suggests that the way to take on flesh is to get on the police force. Do you ever see a thin policeman?

From the loads of plow handles passing down Main street to the depot, that feature of Farmville's trade must be on a boom.

Plant beds are being prepared in a lively manner. Don't forget the garden the most valuable acre on the farm that is when it is made so.

But nineteen more days and the bazaar commences. Lots of work is ahead to be done in that short time to insure success.

Rev. Dr. Whitehead, presiding elder of this circuit, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church on Sunday evening last.

The Opera House was thoroughly heated Friday night on the occasion of the fourth number of the Y. M. C. A. star course.

If you would enjoy an innocent and at the same time instructive entertainment, go to the Opera House tonight (Friday) and tomorrow night. See advertisement in another column.

Rev. Mr. Capers preached twice to his own congregation on Sunday, and then occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church in the evening of the same day.

Our venerable and worthy townsman, Mr. Chas. Bugg, has been confined to his home for the past few days by reason of a slight burn which he received on Saturday evening last.

The Norfolk and Western Railway Co. is Prince Edward's best tax payer, paying annually about \$2,700. The next in order is a private citizen who this year pays about \$2,500.

The Cumberland approach to the bridge crossing the Appomattox is in much better condition than of the Farmville side. Our neighbor ought not to be allowed to outdo us in this regard. The Cumberland highways are generally in good condition too.

February is akin to *febreuare* which means to purify, and is known as the month of expiation, because on the 15th of this month the great feast of expiation or purification was held. It is a short month but a good time for hustling.

Walking backward is said to be certain cure for sick headache. The remedy is simple, but the doctor neglected to say how long the victim should walk, or for how long a time. No doubt but that most any sort of headache can be walked off if one can only walk long enough.

Pretty Home Wedding.

On Wednesday, January 30th 1901, at half past 10 o'clock a. m. Mr. Herman Hopkins Gilliam, of Farmville, and Miss Elvira Loudon Selden, of Buckingham, were married.

The attractive home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Selden, was the scene of the marriage. The parlors were exquisitely decorated with living plants, flowers, &c. No cards were issued for the occasion and only a few of the most intimate friends of Mr. Gilliam and Miss Selden were witnesses.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. E. H. Harding and Prof. W. B. Cridlin played the wedding march.

Miss Emily Byrd Selden, a charming young sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Mr. J. A. Armistead best man. There were no other attendants except the ushers who were Mr. Samuel Selden and George Gillispie. The bride was handsomely attired in a traveling suit of dark green velvet, trimmed with fine lace and chiffon. The ceremony over Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam were driven to town in time for the west bound train which they took for an extended tour. The bride is one of the most attractive young ladies of Buckingham, accomplished and a general favorite in the social circles of Farmville as well as that of her own neighborhood.

The groom is a young business man of this place, and his friends are legion. On the return of Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam they will reside in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Watkins.

Ashes For Sale.
Several two horse wagon loads of ashes for sale. Apply at Farmville Manufacturing Co.'s.

New Questions for Aspirants Are Asked.

We would have the question asked of every man who aspires to any office: "Do you feel interest enough in the county affairs to sustain your county paper?" and we certainly hope that no man will be elected to the Constitutional Convention who does not feel interest enough in the affairs of his State and especially his own section and home, to do his best to sustain his own county paper.—*Charlotte Gazette.*

Farmville Grade and High School.

Roll of honor for the week ending January 26. High School: Anderson, Adams, Farrar, Hooper, Whitehead, Burton, Wicker, Winston, Alice Paulett.

GRADUATES:—(S) Madeline Rich, Lillian Thompson, Anna Morris, Frank Fallwell; (7) Virgie Goodwyn, Grace Walton; (6) Lizzie Davis, Ethel Ligon, Bessie Glover; Lockett Walton; (5) Ben Rives Hooper, Charlie Noel, Nellie Smith, Peter Winston, Johnson Wootton; (4) Louise Gray; (3) Basil Jackson, Tommie Ligon, Lawrence Smith; (2) Signora Thompson, Mary Traylor; (1) Elizabeth Smith, Emmett Webster, Samuel Wootton.

The Y. W. C. T. U.

POINTERS.
We call the following pertinent paragraphs from a leaflet prepared by Mrs. Cora E. Seberry, state Y secretary of New York:

Better work a few departments thoroughly than a dozen half-heartedly.

Make your honoraries superintendents of departments, and put them on committees.

Write to your state Y secretary whenever you want help; she is always glad to do what she can to aid you.

Have a Current Temperance Events Committee, to report at each meeting anything new in temperance reform.

Do not have meetings too informal. A certain amount of dignity, system and parliamentary law engenders self-respect, and adds to influence.

The Opera House Tonight.

Read the following from the New York Sun concerning the attraction at the Opera House tonight and tomorrow night:

From the weather to continuous photography is a long jump, but Farmer Dunn, New York's erstwhile weather clerk, seems to have made it with great success. It is a notorious fact that since Farmer Dunn resigned from the Weather Bureau a great many have lost all interest in the weather. Farmer Dunn is now nightly on view at Pain's amphitheatre, Manhattan Beach, and he does not come under the head of fireworks, either. Farmer Dunn has at last solved the mystery of how to make moving pictures stop flickering. His invention has been patented, and the result, which has proved a great success, is now shown as a regular feature of the Pain show.

The Aerial Specialty Co.

This company has been giving some very pleasant performances at our Opera house. Genuine fun and wonderful bodily contortions have united in affording evenings of real entertainment. It has been refreshing to watch tired business men relax under the influence of side-splitting jokes. A good, hearty laugh is worth more than a dollar, and yet so few of our people appreciate the fact. The audiences have been small tho' the artists have acted as tho' the house was crowded.

Eight Year Old.

Miss Fannie Harrison Price was eight years old on last Saturday, the 26th, and celebrated the day by receiving a number of her young friends at the home of Mrs. Berkeley, where she is spending the winter.

Those present were Misses Paulett, Spencer, Hurd, Anderson, Shelburn, Richardson, Kearney, Sharp, Armistead and Blanton.

The presents were well selected and gave great delight. The occasion will long be remembered by the young hostess and her charming guests.

Best brands Tobacco at Cridlin's.

"Beautiful Snow."

Beautiful to school boys but not to widows whose woodpile is small. The third of the season began to fall on Wednesday morning last and gave promise of being a deep one. Mother earth needs a thorough wetting and the snow may furnish that.

A Good Suggestion.

Editor Herald:—There are no memorial windows in any of the churches of Farmville, so far as I know, no fountain or park, given to the town from private benefaction, no library, no scholarship endowed in any of the schools, no medals offered to stimulate earnest endeavor on the part of scholars. These things ought not to be. The rich men of Farmville should not be willing to die and not leave some such monuments behind them. May be they haven't thought about it. A word from the HERALD may put them to thinking.

X.

Killed His Brother.

DARLINGTON HEIGHTS, VA., January 25.

John Allen (colored) shot and killed his brother, Hooper, here yesterday evening. Both had been considered very bad characters. Hooper had served two years in the penitentiary, and John had broken jail once, but was caught and served his term out. John has left for parts unknown. Hooper lived for about thirty-five minutes, but never spoke after being shot.

The fuss commenced about a few cents Major had loaned John, and he asked John for the money. John said he did not have any money then. Major said, "I know that you have," and picked up a shovel. John shot him in the right eye as he raised up.

Like bad dollars, all counterfeits of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve are worthless. The original quickly cures piles, sores and all skin diseases. Winston Drug Co.

Normal Notes.

The work of the first term of the Normal School closed on Friday, January 26. The beginning of the present session saw the largest entering class ever known in the history of the school. It numbered more than a hundred, and to judge from the large percentage promoted, must have excelled in quality as well. An unusual number of new teachers, also, made the beginning of the year's work a little different from that of the years before. But they have shipped into their places readily and now seem indispensable parts of the whole.

The new gymnasium is an addition of which the school may well be proud. Perhaps there is none in the State better equipped for girls. The students are entering into its sports with enthusiasm, and there is much talk of the basketball team and the games to be given in future.

The graduating class of January '01 received their diplomas Friday, January 26, at 12. The exercises were attended by quite a number of town people. After a hymn the Rev. Mr. Capers offered a short prayer, and Dr. Frazer, after giving a short talk to the class, presented the diplomas. Miss Ida Sharp read a poem in commemoration of the planting of the holly tree, which was followed by a brief and appropriate address by Dr. Kline. Then the audience adjourned to the lawn in front of the gymnasium, and a holly tree was planted by the members of the class to be left as their memorial to their alma mater. The graduates were as follows:

FULL GRADUATES:
Miss Mercy Crim, Miss Bessie Wells, Miss Bessie Carper, Miss Marion Watkins, Miss Lillian Hook, Miss Josephine Goodwin.

PROFESSIONAL GRADUATES:
Miss Ida Sharp, Miss Hattie Cherrault, Miss Lillian Cheatham, Miss Pearl Watterson.

The class held their closing exercises Saturday, January 26, at 8:30 P. M. The assembly hall was crowded with visitors from the town, all of whom seemed to enjoy the rather unusual program. The first number was the Class History, by Miss Lillian Hook. Then some of the young ladies of the school rendered a school song very pleasingly. Perhaps the feature of the evening was the glimpse afforded the audience of school-girl life in "Behind the Scenes." The appearance of Miss Emma King as Mrs. Morrison at midnight, as two girls were studying by the light of a candle hidden by an umbrella, was especially appreciated. Several scenes of like nature were much enjoyed. The prophecy was given by Miss Mercy Crim, in Gipsy attire. After a stirring and amusing "Charge to the class following, Miss Bessie Wells presented them the key to the Training School.

The entertainment was closed by the class song to the tune of "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground." The group of girls in their pretty white gowns reminded one of the pleasant days of summer time, and the audience came back with regret to winter and the outside world.

Crewe Cullings.

CREWE, VA., January 29.

The Y's gave a parlor social at the Y. M. C. A. hall on Monday night. A very attractive program was rendered under the management of Misses Flossie Moore and Marguerite Cheatham. The subject for discussion was "Our Opportunities, Possibilities and Responsibilities for 1901." Mrs. J. H. Hines, the president, read a paper on the subject, and was listened to with rapt attention.

Mrs. Phillips, a former Farmville Y, gave us some delightful music, after which the hall was turned over to the young people and a pleasant evening was spent in innocent games, etc. Towards the close Mrs. Hines was called on for a humorous reading and gave them "Hunting a Mouse," which brought down the house.

Rev. J. H. Newbill has resigned his pastorate of the Baptist church here, to take effect March 1st.

Mr. Herbert Springall, of the Seminary, preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday both morning and night.

Rev. J. J. Fix will preach here the 3rd Sunday next month. It is also hoped that Rev. Mr. Bedinger, synodical evangelist, will give us a week's preaching during the month of February.

Rev. R. E. Lee Abbott, of the Disciples church, is on the sick list at his home in Giles county.

The W. C. T. U. will hold an "Institute" here the 9th and 10th of February. Mr. and Mrs. Hogue and Mrs. Wells will be with us.

Try Cridlin's Taffy.

Cridlin's Candy Charms Children.

London has the poorest water service of any of the large cities of the world.

Had to Conquer or Die.

"I was just about gone," writes Mrs. Rosa Richardson, of Laurel Springs, N. C., "I had Consumption so bad that the best doctors said I could not live more than a month, but I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by seven bottles and am now stout and well." It's an unrivaled life-saver in Consumption, Pneumonia, La Grippe and Bronchitis; infallible for Coughs, Colds, and Asthma, Hay Fever, Croup or Whooping Cough. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at White & Co.; R. J. Carter, of Prospect, drug store.

The French Minister of War proposes giving short hand lessons to soldiers in all the French garrisons.

Reports show a greatly increased death rate from throat and lung troubles, due to the prevalence of croup, pneumonia and gripe. We advise the use of One Minute Cough Cure in all of these difficulties. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Children like it. Winston Drug Co.

Resolutions of Respect.

FARMVILLE, VA., JAN. 24, 1901.

At a call meeting of the Farmville Tobacco Board held on Thursday, January 24th, 1901, committee having been appointed to prepare suitable resolutions in regard to the death of C. W. Blanton, which after a long illness and much suffering occurred at his son's, C. W. Blanton, residence in Cumberland county, Va., on the morning of January 23rd, 1901. The said committee presented the following resolutions which were read and unanimously approved.

Whereas it has please an all-wise providence to call from time to eternity C. W. Blanton who for so many years, as a dealer, was connected with the Tobacco trade of our town, and during this time by his large hearted liberality to the planters as well as all connected with the Tobacco trade, and thereby not only endeared himself to the Tobacco board but to our entire community as well, for it can be truthfully said that he was a broadminded, liberal and kind hearted man in every sense of the word, as he lived not only in our town but throughout the adjoining counties can testify, for of him it can be truly said his door was always open and his friends were welcomed to his home, where he always treated them with the kindest hospitality and seemed to take a delight in ministering to every want necessary for their comfort and happiness.

Therefore resolve first: That in the death of our brother and former friend associate, C. W. Blanton, we feel that a noble kind hearted man has fallen from our ranks, and been called to lay aside the burdens of this life and pass over the river to that rest promised to all the finally faithful and we trust that this rest may be sweet and his resurrection glorious.

Resolved second: That we tender to his family relations and numerous friends our heartfelt sympathies in this sad hour of their bereavement, trusting that a kind providence may so rule and direct the lives of those left behind as they may all be again united with him in that brighter world beyond.

Resolved third: That with much regret, owing to the heavy receipt of tobacco, that this board will be unable to attend the funeral in a body, and it is especially requested of those who can, to show our love and affectionate remembrance by attending these last sad rites.

Resolved fourth: That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family of the deceased and also published in the Farmville HERALD.

Signed,
A. W. DRUMMELLER, } Committee.
J. A. ARMISTEAD,
S. W. PAULETT,
Fred. M. Bugg, Secretary.

Millions of people are familiar with DeWitt's Little Early Rise, and those who use them find them to be famous little pills. Never gripe. Winston Drug Co.

Last year 337,838,000 white fish fry were liberated in the Great Lakes.

A Fireman's Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa, "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by White & Co.; R. J. Carter, of Prospect. Price 50 cents.

Florida papers report that the lobster is disappearing.

To Honor the Memory of Their President and Friend.

On the evening of the 8th inst., next Friday, at 8 o'clock, and in the Assembly Hall of the Normal, a concert will be given by local talent, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the purchasing of a tablet, to be unveiled in June, and dedicated to the memory of the late Dr. John A. Cunningham, the accomplished and beloved president of that school.

The object is a worthy one, Farmville's best talent will be engaged and it is hoped there will be a large gathering of our people. Price 25 cents. No reserved seats.

The ministers of Newton, Kan., have just completed a religious census of that town. They found 5,353 persons in 1,453 families, and of these people 2,316, or less than half, professed to be church members.

For the weakness and prostration following gripe there is nothing so prompt and effective as One Minute Cough Cure. This preparation is highly endorsed as an unfailing remedy for all throat and lung troubles and its early use prevents consumption. It was made to cure quickly. Winston Drug Co.

A Valuable Farm for Sale.

We offer for sale 3500 acres of very valuable land, within two miles of Hampden-Sidney, with good improvements, which we can sell at reasonable figures and on easy terms. Apply to Farmville Farm Agency.

Recent experiments show that all cases of food may be completely digested by a preparation called Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, which absolutely digests what you eat. As it is the only combination of all the natural digestants ever devised the demand for it has become enormous. It has never failed to cure the very worst cases of indigestion and it always gives instant relief. Winston Drug Co.

At Honkiongesburg, in Alsace, the remains of an early medieval castle is to be restored by the Kaiser after the manner in which Pierrefonds was rebuilt by the architect, Viollet-le-Duc, for Empress Eugenie.

Persons who can not take ordinary pills find it a pleasure to take DeWitt's Little Early Rise. S. They are the best little liver pills ever made. Winston Drug Co.

Women are rapidly displacing men as teachers in the schools of New York. During the last year there was a decrease of 217 in the number of men employed, while the number of women teachers increased 1,073.

A Cheap Farm.

We have for sale 343 acres of good land, half in woods, some valuable timber, 30 acres of bottom land, comfortable dwelling of 3 rooms, two barns, stable, orchard, &c., which we can sell for \$5 an acre.

With Our Farmers Again.

Editor Herald:—I am not writing of our farmers for the sake of taffy, tho' I agree with Dr. Talmage that an "ounce of taffy is worth a pound of epiphany," but to encourage brother farmers, and to let the world know what is being done by the farmers of Southside Virginia. So far as I am concerned I much prefer to know what my neighbors are doing than to know what was done in the times of Caesar, or what is being done in the land of Edward VII. Not that I would be ignorant of either, but let me hear from my comrades first and then from the Cousins across the seas. I had the pleasure of a night recently at the hospitable home of Mr. R. B. Johns, of Buckingham, and there I learned something worth repeating.

That the "servant-girl-problem" had been solved by simply not having one, that the way to have glowing fires is to prepare your wood before the snow falls, that Southside Virginia apples, the best of apples, can be kept thro' the winter time, that chickens and turkeys can be made to pay, that everybody on the farm can be made useful, that the cook stove can be made to heat the dining room, that earnest workers are sometimes most cheerful companions and that food for man and beast can be grown on a Southside Virginia farm.

Mr. Johns works 19 horses and yet he buys no forage. Never bought but one bale of hay in his life, and that one he sold again. Twelve of the 19 horses are employed in hauling timber, and these feed from the farm too. Speaking of the timber business reminds me that Mr. Johns has for five years been engaged in cutting and sawing timber from the base of Willis' mountains and is still at it. He has been delivering to the White Hall Lumber Co. on an average of 4000 feet a day and that means an immense amount of lumber. The more I know of this section of Virginia the more I am impressed with its wonderful and inexhaustible resources.

For the first time in my life, on last Saturday, I traversed the county on the North side of the Appomattox, between Wilburn's bridge and Farmville and was delighted with the broad, rich and productive low lands. Most everybody had corn to sell, and such people, you know, are always cheerful and happy.

Mr. R. H. Walton, one of the largest and busiest of our tobacco growers, is now also actively in the market as a buyer. He is after the English variety, as I am told, and will prepare it at his country home and ship to foreign ports. He lives near old Jamestown, and who knows but what the ancient burg will take on something of its old-time glory. It was a place, at one time, of more commercial importance than Farmville, and may yet be an earnest and formidable competitor. There is room in Southside Virginia for other thriving business centres, and Hester Walton is just the kind of man to inaugurate another. My best wishes attend him in his new venture. The farmers who failed to take advantage of the two good ice spells we have had will regret it when the summer time comes.

More plowing has been done in this section than is usual for this season. I know of at least one farmer who seems determined to plow up the earth. He may make the mistake of planting too much. One acre well manned and well managed is worth more than a dozen scratched over and skinned over. The fact is the dozen so managed is a loss rather than a profit.

Some of the most thoughtful farmers tell me that the tobacco crop of last season will fall short at least one-third. So satisfied are some of them of this that they are holding for better prices. This may be a mistake. Know a large farmer who held a large crop of wheat for better prices, and who, I am confident, lost by it.

I have been discussing the oat-problem of late with our land owners, and am glad to know that more attention is to be paid to the cultivation